

REMARKS

This is in response to the final office action dated December 29, 2005. The rejected claims 18, 20, 22 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, and 15-17 remain in the application.

Applicant submits that all the claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early allowance would be appreciated.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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